

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church
of the Holy Trinity
Greenville, Pennsylvania*

*The Second Sunday of Easter
April 11 and 12, 2026*

Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to be in worship. Sitting with children in a front pew and giving them the seat on the center aisle helps them to see and participate in our worship. For children who are present in worship, there are a variety of games, toys, puzzles, coloring supplies and snacks in the Kids' Prayground cabinet in the narthex near the coat rack. If children need a break, there is a TV set up downstairs in the nursery so parents can watch the worship live-stream. If you are visiting, an usher can help direct you to the nursery.

Invitation to Communion: Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

Procedure for Communing: Approach the altar rail through the door to the front left, take a small glass from the tray and move to the furthest place open, kneeling if you are able, or standing. Receive the host either in your open palm or in your mouth; receive the wine poured into the small glass, saying "Amen" after receiving each. If you are unable to consume either the bread or wine, be assured that Christ is fully present for us in either element; reverence the body or blood of Christ by saying "Amen" when the host or the cup is presented. Leave by the right, placing your empty glass in the tray provided, and return to your pew.

Gluten-free wafers are available; let the pastor know when you come forward to receive.

Liturgy of Holy Communion, Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

The assembly's responses are in bold type.

We prepare in prayer and holy silence.

Significance of the Day: In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives.

Gathering

Prelude Christ ist erstanden, BWV 627 Johann Sebastian Bach

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
 We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
 Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
 Break down barriers that divide us.
 Fill us with the breath of peace.
 Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
 and for making us a new creation.
 We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
 now and forever.
Amen.

Hymn

We Know That Christ Is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932
 Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924
 Text © John B. Geyer.

Hymn

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

Easter Dialogue

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

We are illumined by the brightness of his rising.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Death has no more dominion over us.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Kyrie

The musical score for the Kyrie is written in 8/8 time and consists of four staves. Each staff is divided into two parts: 'Cantor' and 'Assembly'. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son! Chris - te e - le - i - son, Chris - te e - le - i - son! Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son! Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son! Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son!

1 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i -

5 son! Chris - te e - le - i - son, Chris - te e - le - i -

9 son! Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i -

13 son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son! Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son!

Hymn of Praise

REFRAIN



This is the feast, this is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, — for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun — his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, hon - or, and bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

REFRAIN



This is the feast, this is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, — for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun — his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Sing — with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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ia. — Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. —

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

A reading from Acts:

22 "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – 23 this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. 24 But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. 25 For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover my flesh will live in hope.

27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One experience corruption.

28 You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

29 "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

The Psalm will be spoken responsively on Saturday.

It will be sung responsively on Sunday.



- In your pres-ence there is full-ness of joy.
- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good a- | bove all other."
- 2 All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.**
- 3 But those who run after | other gods
shall have their troubles | multiplied.
- 4 I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,
never take their names up- | on my lips.**
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup;
it is you who up- | hold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.**
- 7 I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night | after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken.**
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me | to the grave,
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**
- 11 You will show me the | path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore. **(R)**

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from 1 Peter:

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that is im-

perishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 7 so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands as able.

Gospel Acclamation

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sac-ri-ficed. Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Alleluia in C
 Howard Hughes

repeat the Alleluias

**Blessed are those who | have not seen
 and yet have come | to believe.**

The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of

the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

The Sermon

Pastor Brenda Martin

As the organ sounds the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
- 3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev - er-more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic chor - us: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na, ev - 'ry - one!

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Music: TURNBULL, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

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Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
In accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. We pray for our bishops, Yeheil and Kristen; our pastors, staff members, musicians, worship leaders and volunteers. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Open our eyes to the new life emerging around us in your good creation. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Where world leaders use violent and hateful language about other nations and their peoples, soften hearts and give them a yearning for peace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way. Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. We pray for our partners in ministry: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Erie; and Bethesda Lutheran Services, Meadville. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant, especially Pastor Roth, Shirley, Marilyn and Betty K. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Are there others for whom we should pray?

P: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying,
"Peace be with you. And also with you."*

The assembly is seated.

Meal

Offertory Anthem

Christ is arisen
arr. Steve Repasky

Christ is arisen from the grave's dark prison.
So let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!

Were Christ not arisen, then death were still our prison.
Now with him to life restored,
We praise the Father of our Lord. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
So let our let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!

-- *Christ ist erstanden*, German folk hymn, 12th c.

The assembly stands as able.

Offertory Verse

This Joyful Eastertide

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide a - way with sin and
 sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
 sprung to life this mor - row.
 Had Christ who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our
 faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -
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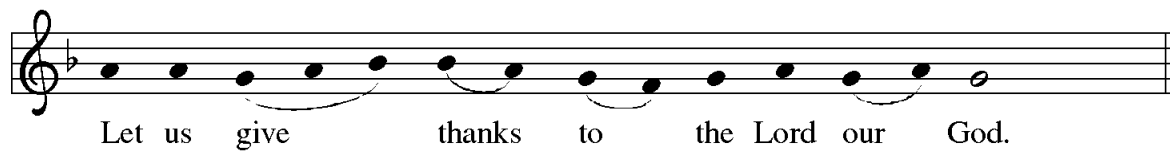
Tune: *Hoe groot de vrugten sijn*, arr. Charles Wood
 Text: Geroge R. Woodward

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

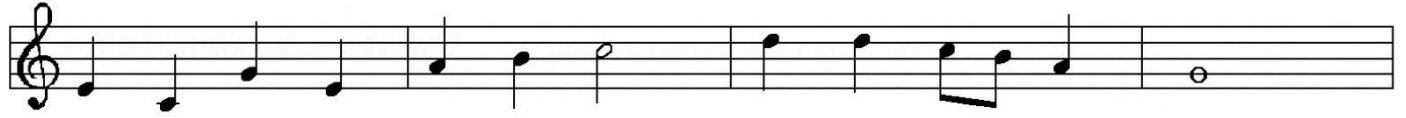
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

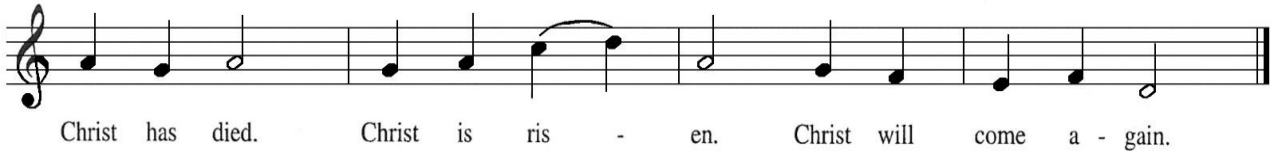
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty
of the Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is
yours, al - might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of Bread

Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us,

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

Assembly is seated

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Communion of the Faithful

Procedure for Communing: Approach the altar rail through the door to the front left, take a small glass from the tray and move to the furthest place open, kneeling if you are able, or standing. Receive the host either in your open palm or in your mouth; receive the wine poured into the small glass, saying "Amen" after receiving each. If you are unable to consume either the bread or wine, be assured that Christ is fully present for us in either element; reverence the body or blood of Christ by saying "Amen" when the host or the cup is presented. Leave by the right, placing your empty glass in the tray provided, and return to your pew.

Hymn

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see,
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
Insert stanzas 5-8 if desired.
 9 On this most ho - ly day of days,



with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our king:
 the faith - ful wom - en went their way
 who sits and speaks un - to the three,
 a - mong them came their mas - ter dear,
 be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise:



to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
 to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!
 and said, "My peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!
 to God your hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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|---|---|
| <p>5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,
 that they had seen the risen Lord,
 he doubted the disciples' word.
 Alleluia!</p> | <p>7 No longer Thomas then denied;
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
 Alleluia!</p> |
| <p>6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
 and look upon my hands, my feet;
 not faithless, but believing be."
 Alleluia!</p> | <p>8 How blest are they who have not seen,
 and yet whose faith has constant been,
 for they eternal life shall win.
 Alleluia!</p> |

The assembly stands as able.

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

Amen.

Post Communion Canticle

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; _____ tell ev-'ry-one what God_ has done. _____

5
Let all who seek the Lord_ re - jice, _____ and proud - ly bear Christ's ho - ly name.

9
Lord, re - call your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with

13
shouts of loud thanks - giv - ing. _____ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia!

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait,

you come to us

in the broken bread and the cup we share.

Make us ready always

to welcome Christ into our hearts,

and send us forth to be your people in the world,

announcing your coming among us

in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray together, Our Prayer for These Times

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

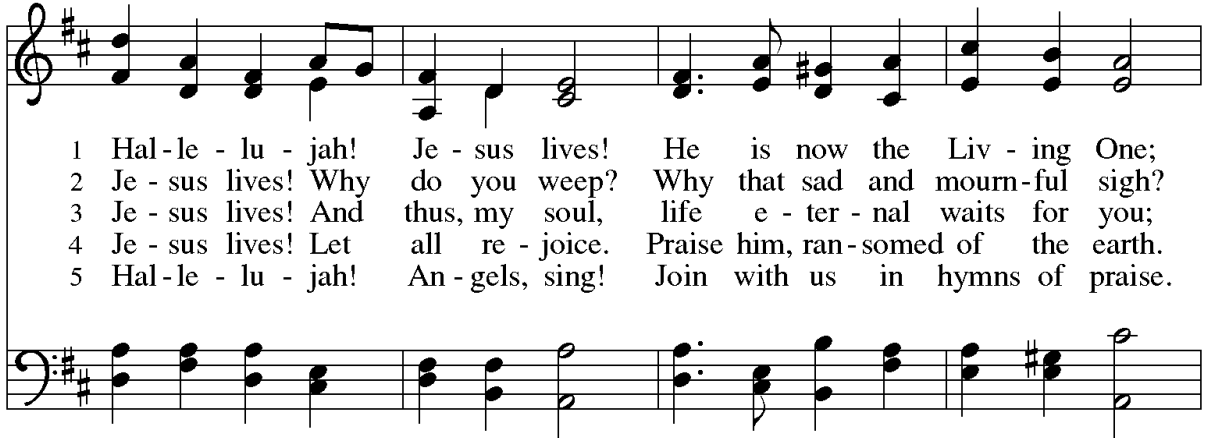
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Blessing

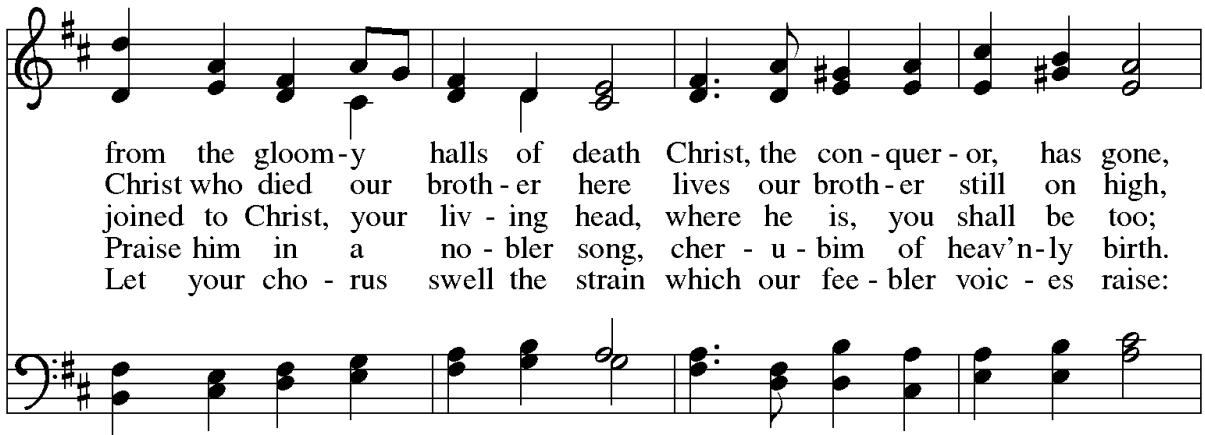
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen. *sung*

Hymn

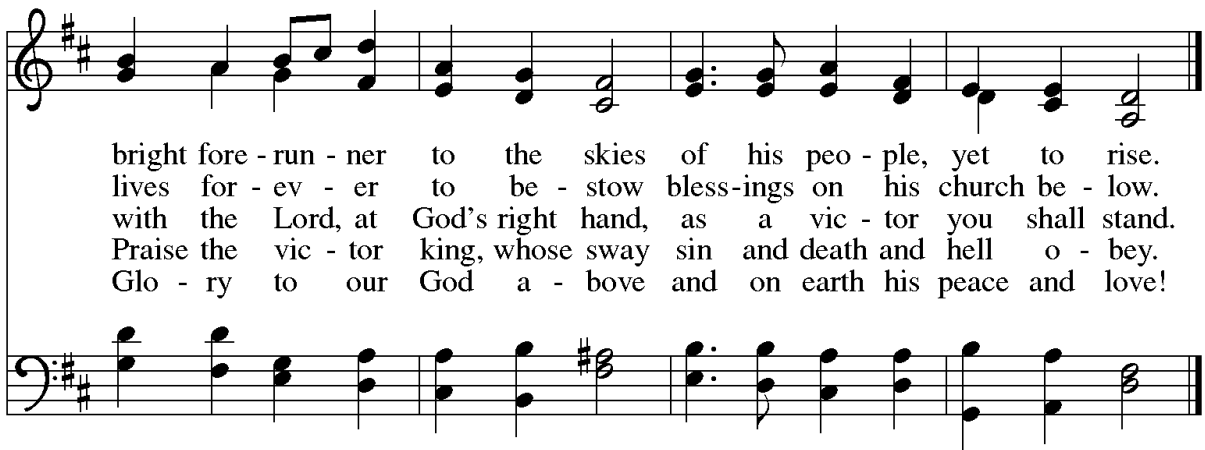
Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
 2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?
 3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
 4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.
 5 Hal - le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom - y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,
 Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,
 joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
 Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth.
 Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
 lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.
 with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.
 Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
 Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
 Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

Dismissal



V. Let us bless the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
R. All: Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Postlude: Christ ist erstanden Moritz Brosig

Serving Saturday

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin

Organist Andy Joos

Liturgical Deacon Marie Riley

Serving Today

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin

Director of Music Steve Repasky

Liturgical Deacon Chuck Lanning

Lector Tammy Daniello

Head Usher Nikki Weaver

Live Stream Technician Tyler Martin-Call

Altar Guild Larry and Audrey John

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This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday April 12, 2026 *Second Sunday of Easter*

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday school or Confirmation classes
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

Monday April 13, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. Fiber Arts Group

Tuesday April 14, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts
- 6:30 p.m. Worship and Music
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Ed

Wednesday April 15, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday April 16, 2026

- 5:30 p.m. Officers Planning Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons
- 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee
- 8:00 p.m. Happy Hour (zoom)

Saturday April 18, 2026

- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
(spoken)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday April 19, 2026 *Third Sunday of Easter*

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt for littles
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

Monday, April 20, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. Fiber Arts Group

Wednesday April 22, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons

6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday April 23, 2026

6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons

7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (zoom)

Saturday April 25, 2026

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
(spoken)

Good Shepherd April Request

The Good Shepherd Center's request for Holy Trinity for **April canned fruits, veges and beans.** Donations may be taken direct to the Food Pantry or placed in the marked box in the cloister. We also have a table in the administrative hallway for donations to be dropped off.

Second Mile Giving for April – Friends of Music

All Second Mile contributions received during the month of April will be given to the designated cause. Please use the envelopes marked for second mile that are in the narthex and the administrative hallway.

Please Pray For

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before you call the office. Thanks.

Health and Healing:

Georgia Perkins

Todd Holsinger (nephew of Billie and Dave Hollenbaugh)

Joyce Harris (sister of Judi Moinet)

Peggy Wise (sister in law of Judi Moinet)

Jen (granddaughter of Ed and Cathy Nanz)

Ariana (friend of Ed and Cathy Nanz)

Maria (friend of Linda Armstrong)

Diana and Donnie (friends of Rich and Denise Hall)

Kate Washill Martin (friend of Pastor Brenda)

Sherry (friend of Rich and Denise Hall)

John Myers (husband of Pastor Brenda)

Ken Buikema (cousin of Denise and Rich Hall)

Charlene Miller (friend of Denise and Rich Hall)

Lori McCann (daughter of Darla Swift)

Mary Rose Jones (friend of Jill Murrin)

Sheila Kretser (friend of Jill Murrin)

Lori Scotta (friend of Jill Murrin)

Russell Morgan (father of Matt Morgan)

Stephen Call (brother of Tyler Martin-Call)

Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)

Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher & Beth Harpst)

Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)

Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:

Pastor Martin Roth

Betty K. Junk

Marilyn Johnson

Music Notes

For the Second Sunday of Easter the organ prelude by Bach, the postlude by Moritz Brosig, as well as the choir anthem are based on the hymn, *Christ ist erstanden*. Which is translated as "Christ is arisen". Luther once remarked, "After a time one tires of singing all other hymns, but *Christ ist erstanden* one can always sing again."

Both the text and tune are derived from Gregorian plainsong of the Easter sequence, *Victimæ Paschali laudes*. *Christ ist erstanden* is a German Easter hymn which dates from around 1100. From the 12th century both the text and the hymn tune were with many variations both in the text and the tune used extensively for the following centuries. It is found in our *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* book as hymn number 372. Next to it, the editors wisely placed the Easter Sequence, *Christians to the Paschal Victim*, as number 371.

Beginning in the 11th century, sequences were hymns inserted into the liturgy and performed between the Epistle and Gospel. Originally, they were performed by singer/actors on the steps outside the church. If you read the text to hymn no. 371, you can see that there is a narrator, a dialogue between the angels and the Marys, and a village chorus of Christian believers. Over the century there were hundreds of sequences in the liturgy. Today, only a few sequences have survived.



late 13th century manuscript of the Easter sequence, *Victimæ Paschali laudes*